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FALMOUTH POINT, June 18.—The steamship Persian, from Liverpool at noon on the 16th, passed this point this forenoon en route to Quebec.

The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £1,000,000 sterling.

Prussian troops entered Holstein on the 7th. The Austrian commander has ordered them out.

These movements are regarded as a virtual commencement of hostilities.

In the British House of Commons the opposition has given notice of their intention to defeat Disraeli by moving a postponement of the franchise clause in the reform bill, and the ministry have declared they will not live if they be compelled to accept the postponement. Mr. Walpole's amendment was being proposed, when the adjournment motion was made.

LATER.

HALIFAX, June 18.—The steamship China from Liverpool on the 6th and Queenstown 16th, has arrived, bringing one day later news.

The political news is unchanged.

The Austrian Commander-in-Chief has ordered the withdrawal of the Austrian troops from Holstein.

A Vienna dispatch says that the diplomatic relations between Austria and Prussia are at an end, and the Austrian representative at the Berlin court has received his passports.

Austria had telegraphed General Gablenz to advise an armed conflict.

It is believed that should a collision take place the Austrian army of the north will advance against Berlin.

The Crown Prince of Prussia had been appointed Governor of Silesia.

During the mobilization of the army the commissariat arrangements were found to be defective, and the effort to establish the Government in its foreign policy.

It was stated that France had sent a circular regarding the Middle German States to maintain a neutral position.

A Prussian division, under General Plonet, had been ordered to Trent and Austria to occupy the districts. They are said to be ordered to occupy Botzen, Brixen, Meran, Schwarzenberg, Klausen, and Bruneck. Prussian troops, Wurtemburgers, a rifle battalion of Hessians, and a battalion of Nassau, are now on the road from Fort Howard, Wisconsin, to Fort Whiting, Michigan.

Minnesota papers continue to note the arrivals of large parties of German and Norwegian emigrants now pouring in by hundreds. The old settlers are much encouraged by many letters of assurance to discourage emigration, but without avail, for letters from relatives have to these fronts in as large numbers as ever. Speculators have wholly commenced the purchase of lands, and the work is rapidly changing the face of Region.

In Cincinnati, the Government officials have seized and obtained judgment for $10,000 against Gen. C. Green, Pension Agent in that city during the Administration of Andrew Johnson.

The Cholera continues its ravages in Holland. The latest weekly returns show a total of 2,866 cases, twenty-five cases, 837 have proving fatal, in the city of Amsterdam.

There had been rumors that Turkish troops had crossed the Danube and came in conflict with the Roumans; that reinforcements had left Gallowitz, and that the Roumanian would take command, but they lack confirmation.

[FIRST SATURDAY BY THE CUNARD.]

The following is the latest war news from Europe, received by the Cunard steamship Asia, which arrived at Halifax on the 16th inst.:

The battle of the Prussians near Mollin is reported to be regarded by some as a victory and by others as a defeat. The latter are right as far as the Austrians are concerned, for they lack confirmation.

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SPECIE PAYMENTS.

Mr. Greeley can be waited in person upon the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, in order to induce his acceptance of a so-called "plan" for restoring the country to specie payments on the first of January next, by an act of Congress. It can be done by this mode as easily as Mr. Greeley could lift himself over the Treasury buildings by pulling hard on his bootstraps, or get quite a large, fat, ridiculous figure for the *New York Tribune* by defending the right of secession, offering to give bail for Jefferson Davis, and labouring to prevent his punishment. The New York *Tribune* starts up with the following outline of an act which, it says, "will surely effect the purpose," and advises from Washington state that Mr. Greeley has modestly assured the Secretary that, in the event of his receiving the Secretary's approval, the belligerent Greeley will lash Congress into its adoption. It is as follows:

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ART MATTERS.

Bierstadt's great work of art "Looking Down the Yo Semite Valley" is now on exhibition at Chickering Hall. Every person in town should go there to see it. It is a picture of wonderful power, and is worthy of the highest praise. The artist has represented a portion of the valley stretching to the back ground and beyond, in a manner that has never been excelled in any picture. At the left is a group of Indians, the leader of which is indicated at once, by his headdress, as the chief among them. He is mounted by the side of a fine looking horse, and with his spear and gun lies. Immediately with the chief are a squad of soldiers, which are also mounted on the right. The artist has given the latter a very fine appearance, and the contrast between the bearing of the chief and the soldiers is very striking. The sky is a mirror of manipulation so happily indicating the light that has not been seen since the days of Claude Lorraine. The effect of light and shade is the most pleasing feature of the work. One sees at a glance that the sun is shining, and cannot fear it; the other in unbelief warns one, and suffering. In the foreground lies warm interest and coolness; in the foreground lies warm interest very clear. The trees in the shade are so live that the Scarecrow is more than once in the light. While the latter are brought out distinctly—every very branch, bough and even fog—the latter stand in relief from the shadow, forming a contrast which adds to the meaning of each. Nothing is wanting in the other s in a decidedly anti-pre-Raphaelite style. Another prominent feature of this picture is the entire absence of fog—nothing but cool, crisp, warm and clear. The silent majesty of nature is nowhere more impressive than in this picture. One feels that the introduction of man or animal is out of place. Even the worst could ONLY mar the solemn tranquility. While there are some divisions of detail and consequent scattering of color, still the work, as a whole, is a work's best, and decidedly superior to Mount Hood or the Rocky Mountains.

Other new pictures have been added to the gallery recently, among them a landscape by Bierstadt and some of Hardy's masterly portraits. No one should miss or leave of real art should fail to see Bierstadt's picture.

THE LATE U. S. EXPRESS ROBBERY.

$21,000 Recovered—All the Robbers Arrested.

[From the Missouri Democrat, 16.]

It was stated in this paper several days ago that Andrew Ashby, one of the men who was arrested at Pleasant Hill on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery of the United States Express company near that place, had been discharged, as there was no proof against him. This statement was made at the request of the police, who desired that the arrest of Ashby must should go abroad, in order to mislead the confederates of the robbers and lead to the recovery of the money. It had the desired effect, notwithstanding the paragraphs contradicted in an evening paper. To further lull the suspicions of the robbers, it was given out that Ashby would be taken to Kansas City for trial. He was accordingly taken to the depot, and in company with Detective Whitney, left for that place. Instead of going there, however, they left the train at Independence, and returned to this city, where he was arrested in the Overland depot by Sheriff Johnson. The money was found in the brush heap by Lieut. Dalton, and Mr. Barrett, Timberlake, of Johnson County. The Sheriff arrived in Lake to Flora last night yesterday morning by the Sheriff, and is still in custody.

FIRE AND SHOCKING CASUALTY.

Two Children Burned to Death.

[From the Bozeman Bawkeye, June 14.]

A most shocking accident occurred yesterday afternoon in the burning of a house on Main street, in Bozeman, belonging to John Masterson, by which two children, aged about four years each, lost their lives. Some children were playing in the house, and had matches with them. A fire was thoughtlessly kindled, which spread with fearful rapidity, and two children were suffocated with the smoke before they could be rescued. The fire was extinguished with the loss of the house, which was entirely consumed. It had the desired effect, notwithstanding the paragraphs contradicted in an evening paper. To further lull the suspicions of the robbers, it was given out that Ashby would be taken to Kansas City for trial. He was accordingly taken to the depot, and in company with Detective Whitney, left for that place. Instead of going there, however, they left the train at Independence, and returned to this city, where he was arrested in the Overland depot by Sheriff Johnson. The money was found in the brush heap by Lieut. Dalton, and Mr. Barrett, Timberlake, of Johnson County. The Sheriff arrived in Lake to Flora last night yesterday morning by the Sheriff, and is still in custody.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

An Ex-Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau shot in Georgia.

[From the Savannah Republican, June 9.]

On Thursday afternoon last, at Lumpkin's place at Thomasville, Ga., before the county road for Thomas County, and one Clark Lightfoot, a negro, was shot by the latter under the following circumstances. Mr. Lightfoot approached the barroom, and by striking it with the butt end of his gun, broke in the door. Mr. Richardson, who was in the office of Messrs. Seward & Fraser, told him he must leave town or he would kill him. Mr. Richardson, seeing that Lightfoot was not going, went for his gun—the latter stood in the doorway—and as Richardson came up, Lightfoot fired, the shot taking effect in the left hand, and also in the left side. While the latter was brought out distressingly severely wounded, he was still living. The

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THE CITY.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Cleary, Esq., has succeeded Henry D. Dyson, as the French Vice Consul of Chicago.

DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.—An adjourned meeting of the Committee of Arrangements will be held this (Sunday) evening, in room over the counting room of the Tribune, at 8 o'clock. The committee from Washington will receive a full report of the doings of the Executive Committee of the Association.

BURGLARY.—The store of W. S. Freeman & Co., No. 120 West Madison street, was entered a few nights ago by burglars, who broke through one of the cellar doors in the rear. A quantity of boots, shoes, hats and other miscellaneous articles, worth in all about $500 was carried off. The robbers have not been captured.

PROBABLE GAS.—A number of enthusiasts assembled last evening at Tilt-worth's hair dressing saloon (formerly Dwight's) to witness a test of water between the gas furnished by the city gas companies, and that made from petroleum. The latter had a decided advantage, as the same burners and regulators—nearly as I can learn—were used in both.

ST. GEORGE PICNIC.—At the regular meeting of the St. George's Society, held its evening, Messrs. Dr. Barker, Wash. H. Ward, Wm. Kendall, and Mr. Porter and R. Slater were appointed a committee to make the needful arrangements for the forthcoming annual picnic, to be held some time near the middle of July.

TOWN SIGNAL ESTABLISHED.—Within the past three or four days more than a thousand emigrants have passed through Chicago, from Norway, the Quebec and the Machison Central Railroad. A large number went out last night for Iowa and Minnesota. It is reported that two thousand more will follow in a few days.

FOURTH OF JULY.—The coming "Fourth" will probably be celebrated with great zeal in Chicago. A great programme of exercises is prepared for the day at the Bryan Mawr Park, and it is supposed that independent action will be taken by the city authorities, &c. The Fourth Ward Zouaves held a business meeting at which it was decided to turn out in a body to parade with the Fenians.

SORRY FOR IT.—Last evening the body of an unknown man was found floating in the river near Indiana street bridge. It was somewhat drowned, having been in the water for a considerable time. No marks of violence can be perceived, and the deceased has nothing in his pockets by which the body might be identified. A coroner's inquest will hold an inquest on the body this forenoon.

PERSONAL.—Hon. E. P. Washburne passed through this city yesterday, on his way to Washington, from Memphis, where he has been engaged in the business of the Freedmen's Bureau.

James H. Rice, of Mobile, Alabama, and James Lawson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been appointed Official Typographical Union to this city, both last evening for their homes.

CARPENTER.—A very pleasant musical performance was held in the Central Music Hall on Thursday, Mr. Joseph Parry, of Danville, Pennsylvania, came on invitation, and had the audience spell-bound by masterly execution on the piano. His rendition of "Lily Bell" (Gerard) in a very effective manner. Professor Wray Cramer was also present, and assisted, and was also even in exquisite taste. He will be in the city several days.

THE CHICAGO REVIEW.—The recently established German evening paper came to hand yesterday in a much better form than heretofore, being conducted with more care and showing evidence of marked improvement. American business men will find it a valuable medium for advertising, and merchants a large circle of readers, and it duly entitled to a liberal share of patronage.

"CHICKENS."—The Chicken Piano, by Tatt, of New York, well known by many of our readers as a highly meritorious pianoforte, has been recently reproduced in elegant style, by Pro. J. A. Cook, of Chicago, in a new and improved form. We have looked in this city. The "chickens" is an excellent work, and the improvements made by Prof. Cook cleverly received the warmest encomiums from the New York press.

LADIES' CITY MISSION PIC NIC.—The Ladies City Mission Association will give a grand pic nic at Hyde Park Grove, on Wednesday next, for the benefit of the mission. Trains will leave the Illinois Central depot at 9:30 in the morning, and return at 6:30 and 9 in the evening. The grove is one of the most beautiful near the city. Among the attractions will be a Reception at Hyde Park House. A quantity of tickets, one and three seventy-five cents, are for sale at the depot. The pic nic will ensure a day of real enjoyment.

FIRE.—At twelve o'clock yesterday a fire broke out in a two story brick cottage in No. 90 Clybourne avenue, in which is now conducted to two occupants, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hoffman, and a small family grocery. The cottage was almost entirely destroyed, but the contents of the grocery were saved. The loss on the building is $1,000. No insurance. The fire was put out by the Fire Department.

LARCENY OF A WATCH.—A noble named Henry Nation was arraigned yesterday before Justice Bostwick, on the charge of stealing a watch from Mr. Joseph Hall, of the Sherman House. The parties they occupied the same room, and while Coolen slept, Nation pulled the pocket of a vest in which the watch was carried. The watch was found in possession of a man, the owner of the article, who had followed Nation to Detroit, where he was arrested by the police and taken back to this city. Nation was held for trial at the Recorder's Court. He had all along denied the charge.

A DISCOVERY WITCHCRAFT.—Henry Mayer a night watchman employed at the Chicago Distillery, in the Rudolph street, stole from one of the rooms on Saturday, a piece of crimson damask worth $2. He took the same to a tailor shop on Clark street, and offered it for sale. The proposition struck the tailor as being rather suspicious, and he, accordingly, inspecting that article more closely, found that it had been stolen from the distillery. Mayer was arrested and held to answer.

THOUSAND AMONTH DIET.—Quite a revolution has recently taken place in the dirt market—being nothing less than a jump from twenty-eight to twenty-five cents. The cause of this movement is apparent to all, many parties who had contracted for dirt at the former price, and finding it inconvenient, have suspended operations till more reasonable prices prevail. Others have had to pay advance to save sacrifice, whilst a few, it is said, have gone up to "possibly with grease, which is reported to have realized from a small grease factory there formerly.

DESTITUTE.—The dutiful friends of (recently) deceased Colonel Wm. Duncan, who, we are glad to hear that he has just received his commission as Colonel by brevet of United States Volunteers, from the War Department, have started a subscription list, "for galvanic and mechanical assistance." As the Colonel has been paralyzed for a long time, and is similarly situated from Gun-power Opinion, Colonel Duncan carried the second regiment of the Illinois Light Guards, First Board of trade regiment, and was in the successive step to Colonel by force of circumstances.

HOW TO BUY A COAT CHEAPLY.—About five o'clock on Saturday evening, six men who appeared to be hardcases, went into Mr. H. L. Newmeyer's store, 119 South Clark Street, to look at ready-made clothing. One of the parties bought a coat and vest and paid for them. While the clerk was behind the store fixing on coats. While the clerk was selecting with his customer, the others were busy at work, and not until they were quite loud in sight, did the clerk discover that they had helped themselves to the best coats in the shop had, by this time, left their stand, and were making off. Mr. Newmeyer resented the advances to the Superintendent of Police, who made a note of it.

FORGERY.—On Saturday a little boy presented a check for $2.50 at the store of Mr. Hall, of the Merchants' Bank, purporting to have been drawn by W. H. Matney. The paying teller to whom the check was presented suspected that it was a forgery, and questioned the boy. No satisfactory answers being given, the boy was detained, and Mr. Matney sent for. He then stated that he was employed as sorting boy by a gentleman residing at the corner of Ashland avenue and Lake street, and that the check in question had been given him by a man who called at the house. Another check for $2.50 was found in the boy's pocket, and on being questioned, he said that he got it from the same man. The boy was committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

"THE ZOUAVE."—The title of a neat little weekly paper whose first number is before us. It is published by "The Oneota" Chapter, instituted at the University of Chicago, in 1864. It contains a E. Pluribus Unum—imperial in sentiment of the order—the ex-cathedra oracle of the Grand Chapter, and be said "to belong to the Left of Fifty. We give the following:

During the convention an erection will be delivered to public, by Reverend Brother J. S. Kalloch, of San Francisco, by request of W. H. McMurray, of Wisconsin. A short extract from the oration will appear next week, and also the Grand Grand Chapter report.

The will be the first of our conventions ever held in the west of the Mississippi, and will undoubtedly be a source of interest, and bind in the bonds of fraternity the Pacific States with the interior of the continent.

SHOOT OF SUPERVISOR.—Supervisor Sogard received a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Monday afternoon, the President, Mr. Haines, in the chair. Supervisors Sogard, Bowen, Burnham, Clarke, Guilford, Kaspon, Leavitt, and Hoffman were present.

Supervisor Clarke reported that the Committee on Claims and Salaries, to which the matter had been referred, had met on the 28th inst., and had been informed by Mr. E. Porter, Assistant Engineer of Lincoln Park, that the statement of Mr. J. G. E. McElroy, of Philadelphia, who was interested in the Lincoln Park.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the petition of interested citizens asking for the erection of a fence around the Common Council to authorize the chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds to expend one cent less in any manner or to contract for the erection of a fence around the Court House, and to report such action to the Board for its approval.

The report was adopted, and the Board then adjourned.

THE GRAND ARMY MOVEMENT.—Governor Fenton and President Dodgeflower was auditorial yesterday in the Police Court on the charge of conducting a lottery. Dodgeflower was fined $100 and costs, and in default was committed to the county jail. Fenton was the owner of the property. Dodgeflower was not present, and was not represented by counsel